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SUBJECT: CHEVRON OIL EXPLORATION IN PHILIPPINES

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1. CHEVRON OIL SEPT. 20 TOOK GROUP OF 25 TO SITE OF FIRST CHEVRON EXPLORATORY OFFSHORE WELL BEING DRILLED UNDER SERVICE CONTRACT WITH PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT. GROUP INCLUDED GOP OFFICIALS, LOCAL OIL INDUSTRY LEADERS, LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESS, EMBOFF AND THREE MEMBERS OF RUSSIAN TRADE DELEGATION, A.P. SLAPOGUZOW, GEOPHYSICIST, F.K. ZHADCHEUKO, GEOLOGIST, AND V. PHILIPPOV, INTERPRETER.

2. RUSSIANS EXPENDED GREAT DEAL FILMS, TOOK INTEREST IN SHIP AND OPERATIONS BUT AFTERWARDS EXPRESSED FEW OPINIONS.

3. ACCOMPANYING AP REPORTER FILED STORY WHICH CLAIMED RUSSIANS BELIEVED CHEVRON CONCEALING SECRETS. GROUP GIVEN RUN OF SHIP AND CHEVRON OFFICIALS WERE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. DURING GROUP BRIEFING RUSSINAS' INTEREST CENTERED ON FINDINGS TO DATE INCLUDING CORING THEN BEING  
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4. FOLLOWING DAY RUSSIANS VISITED ALGERIA, CEBU WHERE LOCAL EXPLORATION COMPANY HAS CONDUCTED ONSHORE DRILLING. VISIT WAS ABBREVIATED BY MINOR INJURY TO PHILIPPOV. OFFICIALS OF LOCAL COMPANY REPORT RUSSIANS CLAIMED TO BE IMPRESSED BY DRILLING OPERATIONS IN PHILIPPINES. WHEN ASKED IF USSR WOULD CONSIDER COOPERATIVE EXPLORATION IN PHILIPPINES REPLIED THEY WERE TECHNICIANS AND COULD NOT SPEAK FOR GOVERNMENT. THEY DID COMMENT THAT USSR COULD SUPPLY LOGGING EQUIPMENT SIMILAR TO SCHLUMBERGER AT LOWER COST.

COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN APPROACHES TO USSR RE TRADE RELATIONS GOP HAS BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF RUSSIAN PARTICIPATION IN OIL EXPLORATION. IF SO, RUSSIANS, BEING LARGELY UNINFORMED OF STATE OF DEVELOPMENT OF EXPLORATION IN PHILIPPINES, PROBABLY INCLUDED TECHNICIANS IN MISSION FOR FACT FINDING PURPOSES. SINCE TRADE AGREEMENT NOT YET FINALIZED (REF B) OIL EXPLORATION COULD STILL BE INCLUDED, DEPENDING ON FINDINGS OF THIS TEAM, BUT IT IS HARD TO ENVISION WILLINGNESS TO SUPPLY MORE THAN TECHNICAL SERVICES, GIVEN THE PRIMITIVE STAGE OF PHILIPPINE EXPLORATION.  
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